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VALE MORNING SITUATION REPORT FOR: 9-12-04

NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL:	2	BAKER FIRE DANGER (352420-C)	V
REGIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL:	2	MALHEUR FIRE DANGER (353616)	H
VALE PREPAREDNESS LEVEL:	2	JORDAN FIRE DANGER (353612-A)	H

BAKER RA:

Forecasted BI/ERC:17/49

MALHEUR RA:

Forecasted BI:58

JORDAN RA:

Forecasted BI: 38

COMMENTS:

1 Vale IHC is assigned to ONC Support in CA.
10 SRV Crews available
Type 3 Helicopter (60P) ready for IA from Vale .
1 (SCKN) assigned to Hurricane Frances Support.
1 (EDSD) assigned to the BLM Severity/Nevada.
1 (EDSD) assigned to NICC support.
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1 (THSP) assigned to Hurricane Frances Support.

WEATHER:

Vale Weather:

Mostly cloudy. Chance of showers. Slight chance of thunderstorms after 1200. Temps 66-78. RH 22-32%. Valley winds W 11-17 w/ gust 25 mph. Ridges SW 16-22 w/ gusts to 30 mph. Haines 3. LAL 2. CWR 20%.

Baker Weather:

Mostly cloudy. Slight chance of thunderstorms. Rain showers until 1200. Then chance of rain showers. Temps 63-68. RH 50-62%. Valley winds NW 4-8 mph. Ridges NW winds 6-12 mph. CWR 40%. LAL 2. Haines 3.

DEFINITIONS:

LAL (Lightning Activity Level) : A numerical rating from the lowest of 1 to the highest of 6, keyed to the start of thunderstorms and the frequency and character of cloud-to-ground lightning forecasted or observed on a rating area during a rating period.

Haines Index : A national fire-weather index based on the stability and moisture content of the lower atmosphere and their direct relationship to the growth of large fires. The index is from 2-6 with 2 being the lowest potential for large fire growth while 6 is the highest large fire growth potential.

Chance of Wetting Rain (CWR) : The chance of an appreciable amount of continuous rainfall over a broad area, dropping at least .10 inches of rain.

Energy Release Component (ERC) : A number related to the available energy (BTU) per unit area (square foot) within the flaming front of the head of a fire.

Burning Index (BI) : A number related to the contribution of fire behavior to the effort of containing a fire. The value is a function of the Spread Component and the Energy Release Component.